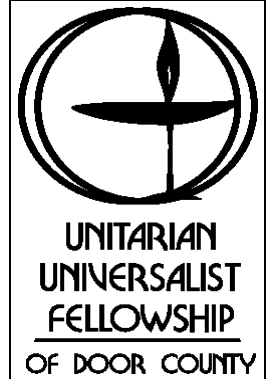


UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

October Sunday Services

Oct. 4th - Dan and Sharon Wiseman

PATHWAYS TO SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE-THE LONG WINDING ROAD!

Being spiritually intelligent requires us to be clear about our purpose in life, how we live it, how we connect with others, and how we live out our values. We will explore our understanding of six possible pathways to being more Spiritually Intelligent.

Sharon and Dan are managing partners in Wiseman Consulting & Training, a company that focuses on providing transformational consulting in the non-profit sector with special emphasis in libraries and religious organizations.

Sharon is currently an adjunct faculty member in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University in Chicago. She is the Adult Faith Development Coordinator at Countryside Church UU.

Dan has led our Fellowship in strategic planning exercises and will discuss the next steps with our congregation at a town hall meeting following this service. He has been involved in church leadership and planning for more than 30 years. Since 2001, he has been an active consultant for the Central Midwest

District of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano
Service Leader: Carol Boyd

Oct. 11 - The Rev. Cynthia B. Johnson

WORDS SHAPE US: THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO FAITH DEVELOPMENT

In preparation for meeting with the five children in our Religious Education Program last month, I prepared a 19-page opus called Words Shape Us: a collection of affirmations of faith and statements of purpose from various Unitarian Universalist congregations and other words of wisdom collected by Cynthia B. Johnson. Now I'd like to share the upgrade with you!

Cynthia Johnson, a retired UU minister, served congregations in Texas and Oklahoma before moving to Door County in 2000. Cynthia preaches regularly at UUFDC and occasionally at other UU congregations but spends more time these days writing, painting, reading, and traveling.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano, and Cynthia Stiehl, vocal

Oct. 18th - Rev. Joan Shiels ARE UNITARIANS SPIRITUAL?

A journey through the life and prayer of St Francis of Assisi suggests an answer.

Rev. Joan Shiels is a frequent speaker and a well-loved friend of the fellowship. She has a broad knowledge of all the world religions and an avid interest in what they have in common.

Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano
Service Leader: Chuck Lauter

Oct. 25th - Rev. Phil Sweet

OWNING YOUR OWN SHADOW

The devil plays a very large part in Christian culture because we have tended to strive for purity, perfection and light. When this occurs there is always a countervailing shadow. The more the energy of one pole is ignored and denied, the more threatening and compulsive the other pole becomes. A reflection on our shadow self.

Rev. Sweet is a popular and frequent speaker at UUFDC. He served as minister for two rural churches in western Minnesota and for Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano, and Dottie Gerrits, flute

Services are Sundays at 10:00 A.M. at 10431 Water Street (Hwy 42) north of Ephraim.

Copies of the Sunday Sermons are available on CD. Contact Al Wittenkeller, 839-2800 or alnjudv@dcwis.com

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President's Column

By Cyndy Stiehl

Your Governing Board met on September 8, 2009 to do the business of UUFDC. There was much discussion including the "Building Use Form" which, as I write this, seems finished. A vote to accept it will come soon.

After the financials were presented by Juliana, most of our time was spent revising and refining the wording of our Focus Group Summary. This is the document that resulted from your participation in our Focus Groups in July and the Board's time on August 25, both times with facilitator Dan Wiseman. With Dan's deft guidance, we combined all of your ideas into cohesive groups. Then, we tried to organize and prioritize these ideas and suggest action steps. Many thanks go to Ginny Olson and Valerie Murre-Schlick for compiling and formatting the printed pages. You will receive the summary document along with this newsletter. Please review it.

Our next planning step takes place on **Sunday, October 4 immediately after the service.** Dan—who presents his own service that morning—will continue the process by formally presenting the Focus Group Summary for your further ideas and input. So, I ask again that you all attend this important meeting. The Board wishes to hear from everyone concerning the finalization of our Direction Setting. How do you feel about becoming a "Welcoming Congregation" or a recognized "Green Sanctuary?" Do you want changes to the building? Please come and participate. We need you!

I have been your President for three months. During this time there have been challenges and growth, disagreements and solutions along with continual love and acceptance. It is an honor to serve UUFDC. I love every minute of it. Thank you for the opportunity and trust.

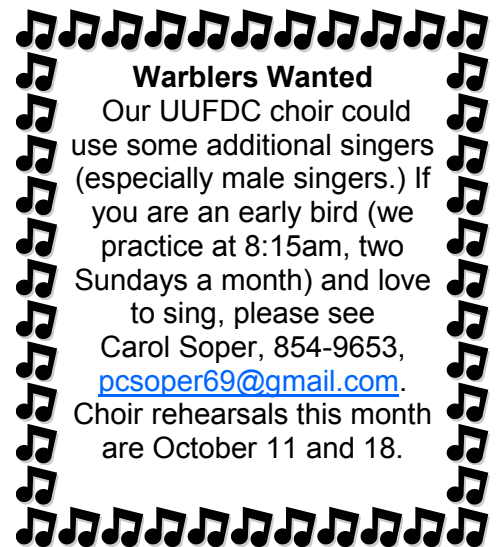
Dollars and Sense

by Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

During the month of August the UUFDC Board authorized a payment of \$10,000 on the mortgage loan principal, thus reducing it to \$340,000. We would like to make such payments more frequently now that building improvements (such as the air handling system that permits us to seat up to 140 people in our sanctuary) are complete. Our records show almost \$70,000 in Capital Campaign pledges remaining to be paid. As those pledge payments come in they will be used to further reduce the loan and thus the amount of our monthly interest charges.

Donations

Donations in memory of Jill Berger and Paul Schilling were made in September by Lois and Art MacKinney. Other donations in memory of Jill and Paul were reported in previous editions of this newsletter.



Warblers Wanted

Our UUFDC choir could use some additional singers (especially male singers.) If you are an early bird (we practice at 8:15am, two Sundays a month) and love to sing, please see Carol Soper, 854-9653, pcsoper69@gmail.com. Choir rehearsals this month are October 11 and 18.

Please note Chuck Berger's

new address:

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Social Responsibility Committee Membership Report

Bob Lindahl

Often when one joins an organization, it doesn't take long for the luster of first impressions to wear off. After having attended the Fellowship off and on for about four years and since becoming a member last November, I've been waiting for that bright shine to wear off. It hasn't, and in fact has only become brighter.

What a joy it is to be part of a Fellowship of active, involved and passionate people. People even recognize that not all have the same passions and that's supported and respected too! People aren't afraid to take on responsibility and follow through for the benefit of the overall Fellowship and its mission.

Hosting and supporting International Workers has been determined to be a priority for the work of the SRC. At its last meeting, the committee heard a presentation from the Executive Director of the Hispanic Resource Center of Door and Keweenaw Counties. As a result, a \$200 donation was sent to the Center on behalf of the Fellowship as part of our first quarter local Social Responsibility contribution. In addition, \$100 was contributed to the Community Clinic of Door County.

Sign up now for the **October 9 Non-Dairy Potluck Dinner at the Fellowship beginning at 6 PM**. Don't know what to bring? See the message board in the foyer for ideas!

Join fellow UU's for our last Highway 42 cleanup of the year, **Wed. November 4**. Stop by Bob Lindahl's (12490 Timberline Rd, Gills Rock) at 9AM for some nourishment and then proceed to help clean up our designated two miles of roadway between Gills Rock and Ellison Bay. There will be a signup sheet in the foyer by late October.

Dottie Gerrits

I was delighted to introduce Carolyn and Morris Waxler as new members of our Fellowship at the September 20th Sunday Service. The Waxlers are members of the First Unitarian Society in Madison and we are happy to welcome them into our Fellowship during their summers in Door County. Hopefully they will be able to take time away from their activities at FUS to experience Door County in the winter.

Our Membership count is now at 98 and we are looking for 99 and 100 again after some movement up and down in the last year. Interested? Contact Dottie at gerrits2732@gmail.com

Toerpe Featured Poet

Tom Toerpe will present his award-winning poetry as the featured poet **October 14, 7 PM**, as part of the Dickinson Poetry Series.

Tom draws on the traditions of English poetry, including limericks, ballads, sonnets, and free verse, but emphasizes effective, modern storytelling and topics of current interest. Tom's work has appeared in a variety of publications including *Peninsula Pulse*, *Wisconsin People and Ideas*, *Thema*, *Exquisite Corpse* and *Harp-Strings*. He was the 2006 Lehman Prize winner from the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters; and was recognized in two Hal Grutzmacher competitions (*Peninsula Pulse*) and the Helen Shaible Shakespearean/Petrarchan Sonnet Contest (Chicago Poets Society).

An alumnus of Marquette University and the Kellogg School of Management, Tom manages interest rate derivatives for a Midwest financial institution. He frequently speaks to business groups about the economy and financial markets,

and has published several articles on these topics. Tom lives in Balleys Harbor with his wife Kathy and family, a chaotic household consisting of a teacher, a Cubs fan, an artist, a shortstop, a flutist, a budding chef, a crafter, and a turtle named Louie.

The Emily Dickinson Poetry Series is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

Reminder

Ken Boyd, Building and Grounds

When you are the last one leaving the building, it is your responsibility to check ALL the doors to be sure they are latched and locked. There have been several times recently when doors have been found unlocked and/or doors not completely shut and latched. This is not a good situation and will lead to serious trouble if not corrected. The back door towards the back parking lot off the old kitchen is troublesome. Check that all lights are off too.

UU Book Club

The UU Book Club will meet on Wednesday, November 4 to plan for 2010. Anyone interested in being a member of the book club, please attend this meeting, which will be held at the Fellowship at 1 PM. Dessert and coffee/tea will be provided. **Oct 7 1-3 PM** at Lois MacKinney's for *Olive Kitteridge*.

TRAVEL THAT MATTERS

By Meg Vermillion

According to Mark Twain, "Travel is deadening to bigotry, prejudice and narrow-mindedness". As a natural fit with Movies That Matter, several members and friends of UUFDC are offering an afternoon program titled **Travel That Matters October 18 at 2:00 PM**.

In support of an SRC goal to form an outreach work group, seven or-

organizations with an overriding purpose will be presented. If work group puts you off, a continuum of alternative travel options are introduced starting with the “easy, feel good” or, just pay your money and you will be helping, all the way to a “catapulting transformative” experience. Answers will be given to both the curious and skeptical questions such as “Why would I want to PAY to work!” or “How does my program fee get used?” The organizations are appealing to singles, couples, families, and inter-generationalists. Delafield guests Nancy Mitchell, National President of SERVAS, along with her husband Bob, will present Earthwatch, Friendship Force and Servas. UU knows Jean Crane, Helene Dilulio, Meg and David Vermillion will present the UU Bed & Breakfast, Global Citizens Network, Untours, and Global Volunteers. Some brief visuals will be mixed in with the talks. The program will end with savory global snacks and drinks. Music from the highly acclaimed CD *Playing for Change* will be in the background and available for purchase in support of the development of schools around the globe.

The program is open to the community. Invite your curious friends!

Movies That Matter

By Lu Schilling

A free screening of *Fast Food Nation*, a 2006 American/British drama film directed by Richard Linklater, will be shown at **7 PM October 20th** at the Fellowship. The screen play is loosely based on Eric Schlosser's bestselling 2001 non-fiction book *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal* about the bloody tentacles of the fast-food industry into a morality play about the vicious circle of consumption that puts the worker in the maw of the corporation and the junk-food

juggernaut arguably responsible for America's alarming obesity rates.

We're taken from the cattle ranches to the slaughterhouse to the homes of the disaffected kids who flip those patties even after they've dropped them on the floor. We drop in on marketing meetings and follow a corporate suit as he sniffs new sandwich flavor samples fresh from the chemical lab.

Secondary plots deal with the exploitation of illegal immigrants from Mexico, the expectations of fast food restaurant employees and how they are treated, and the efforts of a small group of young anti-corporate activists to save the cattle from horrendous conditions.

The next *Movies That Matter* will be shown **November 17**, *God Grew Tired of Us*.



Please extend good wishes to our members and friends with October birthdays

- 2 Bob Lindahl
- 10 Ray Stonecipher
- 11 Stella Brown
- 16 Art MacKinney
- 16 Ginny Olson
- 19 Beth Ciesar
- 25 Al Johnson
- 25 Duane Dickinson
- 29 Steve Kastner
- 31 Ken Boyd

Recycle your old batteries and cartridges

Please bring your used batteries and cartridges to the Fellowship and deposit in the wastebasket in the Sanctuary closet. We receive valuable points to reuse on supplies!

Where are we going?

Find out at the townhall congregational meeting on Sunday, October 4 followed by a light lunch.

ELIMINATE DANGEROUS CHEMICALS FROM OUR LAWNS

By Bobbie Larson

Throughout North America, communities are banning lawn chemicals because of the health danger to humans and pets. In the 1940's lawn chemicals were introduced and have become a billion dollar a year industry.

With the growth of cancer in the population, especially in young children, as well as new deadly cancers seen in exposed workers, questions arose. Why would we use chemicals even if there is a possibility of a link, much less scientific proof? This is a good question and after seeing little signs posted on the Sister Bay grassy areas leading down to the beach, I did a little research, calling TruGreen at the posted phone number and asked about the signs. I was finally told that “no one had reported any adverse effects.” This conversation led to discovery of SafeLawns.org – a national organization informing the public about safe, organic lawn care. They have a feature-length film now premiering across the US titled *A Chemical Reaction*. I learned a lot from their website and daily blog from founder Paul Tukey.

Tukey has books, a 46 part TV series *People, Places, and Plants* and is a horticulturalist that helps people to have a green lawn without chemicals. Go to their website and support this excellent organization.

Door Co. Naturalist Roy Lukes recently wrote about the leopard frog and its decline, citing Atrazine (found in many lawn chemicals) as one of the causes. Marblehead, MA, recognizing the health risks, has banned lawn chemicals.

We can do it here in Door County. We can advertise that we went green, eliminated chemicals on playing fields, parks, and other public areas and are now a safer place. We can increase tourism by being a haven for informed people who want clean air, water, and grassy play areas.

Delcarsons Exhibit at UU Gallery

Jane and Rich Delcarson, both graphic artists in different mediums, will be the featured artists in October. Jane and Rich moved to Door County as a natural environment to express their talents. Their move to the peninsula followed life-long careers with Rich as an automobile illustrator and Jane as a lettering artist. Rich graduated from Meinzinger Art School in Detroit, and Jane is a graduate of the American Academy of Art in Chicago. They both engaged in fine and commercial artwork. Their employment landscape includes the San Francisco Bay area, Los Angeles, Chicago and continues from their home in Fish Creek after incorporating to Del Graphics. Their website www.delgraphics.org exclaims "We do artwork the old-fashioned way – we draw it!"

Jane specializes in lettering and design. She has studied with teach-

ers of international renown and is a member of the Chicago Calligraphy Collective and the Wisconsin Calligraphy Guild. She has taught calligraphy in both the Chicago area and in Door County. She also exhibits at local galleries and gift shops.

Rich is an oil painter of familiar outdoor scenes of Door County which he then reproduces. His desire is to assure that all lovers of art can enjoy a piece of art of their own. Among his range of available paintings are Eagle Bluff and Cana Lighthouses, Hardy Gallery, Wilsons Ice Cream Parlor as well as park and seaside views. Rich uses a lithographic and gouache technique in the duplication of his paintings. He has a particular concern for the density and balance of colors in the reproductive printing process and personally oversees the discharge of his work.

The UU Gallery is open Sundays, 11 AM-12:30 PM and Mondays 1-3 PM. If you are interested in displaying art work, contact Julia Bresnahan at 839-2606.

The UU Emerson Cultural Series

The Emerson Series presents baritone Keith Harris, accompanied by



Kenneth Bozeman, performing the opera titled *The Andée Expedition* by Dominick Argento **October 29 at 7:30 PM.**

On July 11th, 1897 three

Swedish explorers, Andrée, Strindberg and Fraenkel, set out to be the first men in history to travel to the North Pole and back in a hot air bal-

loon. Their records break off three months later. Three decades later their bodies were discovered and returned to Sweden and the notebooks of Andrée and Strindberg were published: most of the text for this cycle is taken directly from their writings. A powerful tour de force for baritone and piano, this work covers the excitement and tragedy of this amazing expedition.

End-of-Life Series

The UUFDC Memorial Garden Task Force is holding an information session dealing with issues of cremation **October 1, 2 PM**, in the sanctuary. Greg Casperson, representing Casperson Funeral Home in Sister Bay, will discuss the options and services available. A UUFDC member will give an update about the Lighthouse Memorial Society following its reorganization and relocation to Madison.

Retired UU minister, Rev. Cynthia Johnson, chairs the UU Memorial Garden Task Force. Johnson pointed to a need for end-of-life planning, "With so many single people here and their families spread far afield and most unknown to us, I think UUFDC is an important part of our various end-of-life scenarios."

The Task Force envisions the Memorial Garden will include a memorial wall with individual plaques including names and dates as well as an area where cremains could be interred in the ground. A survey was sent to all UUFDC members and friends by email and USPS recently soliciting individual's interest in using the Memorial Garden. Please return that survey to Cynthia Johnson, 7455 Highway 57, Baileys Harbor, 54202.

Future session topics may deal with health care directives, wills and memorial service planning.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 A.M.

UUFDC October Calendar of Events

For the most up-to-date calendar, please see our website: uufdc.org/calendar

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